

REMARKS

The rejection of '736 is overcome by the foregoing amendment which now formally claims on the record the benefit of priority of the ancestor applications. Thus, the cited references are antedated.

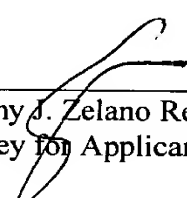
The double patenting rejection is also not proper. Despite the fact that this application and '736 are claiming the same invention, the two are not commonly owned. Thus, the clearly proper course of action is declaration of an interference.

Applicants are also seeking an interference with '736 via pending claims in 08/115,008, one of the applications to which priority is now claimed. That application is being handled by Examiner Webman of Group Art Unit 1617. Coordination of effort seems to be in order.

Also pending in the '008 family are 08/462,703 and 08/462,705, which are also involved in interference efforts regarding '736, as well as any other Hodgen patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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